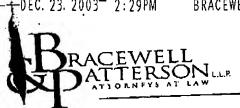
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This Request for Reconsideration is submitted in response to the Examiner's Final Action dated October 9, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire January 9, 2003. No fee is believed required to submit this amendment. However, in the event any fees are required, please charge IBM CORPORATION'S Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time as well as any o ther fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to IBM CORPORATION'S Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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